Training Academy the initial provision of Rs. 1 (one) crore had been raised approximately by five times.

Review of IRDP

2720. SHRI N. DENNIS : Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have reviewed the functioning of the I.R.D.P.; and

(b) the steps taken by the Government for the effective functioning of I.R.D.P.?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI CHANDRADEO PRASAD VARMA) : (a) and (b) The implementation of the Integrated Rural Development Programme (IRDP) has been reviewed from time to time. As part of this exercise and at the instance of the Government of India, the Reserve Bank of India had constituted a High Power Expert Committee on IRDP under the Chairmanship of Shri D.R. Mehta, former Deputy Governor of Reserve Bank of India on 29.9.1993. The Committee reviewed the programme and recommended suitable measures so as to make it a more effective instrument of poverty alleviation.

In pursuance to the recommendations of the Expert Committee on IRDP, the following steps have been taken by the Government/RBI for the effective implementation of IRDP.

1. Fixation of higher per family investment targets.
2. Measures to mobilise additional credit through fixation of credit targets.
3. Introduction of a new category of beneficiaries compoising educated unemployed trained youth for whom a higher subsidy limit of Rs. 7500/- has been fixed.
4. Enhancement of the ceiling limit for expenditure on infrastructure from the present 10% to 20% (25% in case of North-Eastern States and Sikkim) and decentralisation of powers to sanction such expenditure.
5. Introduction of a back-ended system of subsidy with a view to minimising leakages associated with front-end susbsidy.
6. Extension of Cash Disbursement scheme in 50% of the blocks of the country. It has now been decided to extend the scheme to all the blocks in the country.
7. Enhancement of the subsidy limit for group activities to Rs. 1.25 lakhs per group or 50% of the project cost, whichever is less.
8. Insistence on greater participation of Gram Sabhas in the selection of beneficiaries to ensure transparency and objectivity in the selection procedure.
9. Extension of the Family Credit plan in 217 districts of the country with a view to encouraging higher levels of investment per family. It is proposed to extend it further to an additional 100 districts during 1997-98.

Cases with CBI

2721. DR. Y.S. RAJASEKHARA REDDY : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the total number of cases pending before the CBI as on February 1, 1997;

(b) the number of cases referred by the Central Government, State Governments and Courts, separately;

(c) whether it has enough personnel to cope up with the work entrusted to it; and

(d) the name of countries where the prime investigating agency enjoys the status of an autonomous and independent organisation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI S.R. BALASUBRAMONIYAN) : (a) There are 1601 cases pending investigation as on 1.2.1997 with CBI.

(b) Out of (a) above, 310 cases were referred by the Central/State Govts./UT/Court. The break up of these cases are as under :

Cases referred by	No. of cases
Central Government	18
State Govts.	71
Union Territory	1
Supreme Court	62
High Courts	145
Other Courts	13
	310

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The status of investigating agency of each country and the extent of autonomy enjoyed by it is determined by local laws of the country concerned. In India CBI enjoys functional autonomy in the matter of investigations under the provisions of Delhi Special Police Establishment Act, 1946.

Allocation of Fuel

2722. PROF. P.J. KURIEN : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government of Keral has asked for

additonal allocation of fuel for various power projects in Kerala; and

(b) if so, details thereof and the allocation made, so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) and (b) According to the detailed guidelines issued by the Ministry of Power under the Liquid Fuel Policy for Power Projects, the State Governments are required to recommend liquid fuel linkage for power projects within the capacity (in MW) allocation to the respective States, to the Ministry of Power. On receipt of the recommendation of the Ministry of Power for fuel linkages for the power projects in Kerala within the capacity allocated to the State, fuel linkages will be given by the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas. Proposals from Kerala have not been received in this Ministry so far.

Economic Package

2723. SHRI CHAMAN LAL GUPTA :
SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA :
SHRI SATYAJITSINH DULIPSINH GAEKWAD :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether in the course of his recent tour of Jammu areas, the Prime Minister announced an economic package for the State of Jammu and Kashmir;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the amount sanctioned, sector-wise; and

(c) the action taken thereon, so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI S.R. BALASUBRAMONIYAN) : (a) to (c) Prime Minister, during his visit to Jammu & Kashmir on 13-14th February, 1997 announced following measures with a view to accelerate the process of development and normalisation in Jammu & Kashmir :-

- The increased outlay of State Annual Plan 1996-97 of Rs. 1250 crores.
- The State Government will be enabled to have a reasonable outlay in 9th Five Year Plan.
- The Annual Plan of 1997-98 would be further enhanced and necessary support will be provided for this purpose so as to ensure that the plan outlay fixed for each year is protected and funds are also made available for meeting the non-plan gap in resources.
- Central Government would provide additional assistance to restore infrastructure damaged due to militancy. Nearly Rs. 1500 crores would be provided for the purpose of rural development and basic minimum services in the 9th Plan. The State Government would be authorised to debit restoration of damaged infrastructure to this amount.
- More towns in the State will be brought under Prime Minister Integrated Poverty Eradication Programme.
- Allocation of power from Central Projects would be increased from 600MW to 876MW to fully meet the power shortage in the State.
- Special funding mechanism including external assistance for implementation of projects like Protection and Development of Dal and other important lakes, masterplan for control of floods in the valley and action plan for improving the navigation and environmental aspects of Jhelum on the lines of Ganga Action Plan would be devised.
- Transportation of fertilisers in Jammu & Kashmir would be fully subsidised.

This is in addition to the other announcements of Prime Minister made in both Houses of Parliament on 23.07.1996 and 02.08.1996.

Follow-up action has been initiated for implementing the above mentioned announcements and the progress monitored regularly.

[Translation]

MRTS

2724. SHRI JAYSINH CHAUHAN : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have accorded the permission to the long awaited Mass Rapid Transit System (MRTS) of National Capital Territory of Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of years likely to be taken in completion of this project and the amount likely to be incurred thereon; and

(d) the length of routes on which work is proposed to be commenced in the first phase of this project and the details of the main routes to be covered?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU) : (a) Yes, Sir. The Government have accorded its investment approval to Delhi MRTS project on 17th September, 1996.

(b) to (d) The first phase of the proposed Delhi Mass Rapid Transit System covers a route length of 55.3 Kms. which includes surface/elevated rail system from Shahadra to Nangloi via Shastri Park, I.S.B.T., Pul